



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Scholar, established the observance of African American History, with the view to revealing the contributions, achievement, and involvement of African American people in the development of our American Democracy; and
- WHEREAS: The history of some of us is the history of all of us, and our history is what shapes us as a state and as a nation; and
- WHEREAS: We must acknowledge and pay tribute to the generations of our citizens who struggled through adversity, risked their lives for justice, fought a fight that at times seemed impossible to win, persevered, and continue to fight for equality and the American Dream; and
- WHEREAS: We see African Americans engaged throughout our society, as friends and neighbors, scholars, teachers, workers in industry, community leaders, and contributors to our Minnesota quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: The month of February gives us a chance to honor the many heroes who are unknown and unnamed but have contributed to the struggle of freedom and justice for all; and
- WHEREAS: Black History Month encourages all Minnesotans to come together, reflect on our collective past and reveal its impact on present conditions; and
- WHEREAS: As a state, we can continue to work together to guarantee equal opportunity for all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2012 to be:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

as a time for all in our state to honor, reflect, learn, and be inspired by the history and heritage of a culture of one of our own that sacrificed, fought, and persevered in a quest toward the Minnesotan and American dream.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 30th day of January.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Dahl".

SECRETARY OF STATE